

DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILISERS

456. SRI H. D. DEVE GowDA (Holenarasipur).—Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to state.—

(a) the quantity of fertiliser received in the State during the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 (Categorywise) pool and non-pool fertilisers :

(b) the quantity of fertiliser distributed (District-wise) :

(c) the quantity of fertiliser distributed through private dealers and co-operatives (Districtwise) :

(d) the quantity of non-pool fertilisers allowed to be distributed through private dealers by the District Fertiliser Committees (Districtwise) :

SRI V. CHIKKE GowDA.—(Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(a) Statement (A) placed on the table of the House *

(b) Statement (B) and (B-1) placed on the Table of the House. *

(c) Statement (C) and (C-1) placed on the Table of the House. *

(d) Statement (D) placed on the Table of the House. *

REQUIREMENT OF CHEMICAL FERTILISERS

505. SRI B. SATHYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(a) the total requirement of chemical fertilisers for the entire State for this year; the quantity allotted so far by the Government of India to the State with detailed break-up figures ;

(b) the quantity of chemical fertilisers allotted to each District for each month commencing from January, 1973 and the basis on which this allotment was made ;

(c) whether due to the non-supply and non-use of sufficient fertilisers the yield per acre of the crops is going down.

(d) whether additional allotments have been made to some districts due to political pressure ;

(e) whether direct allotments have been made by the Minister for Agriculture by-passing the District Fertiliser Committees ;

(f) what factors are taken into consideration while making allotment of fertilisers to each district :

* All the four Statements are placed in the Karnataka Legislative Library vide No. 20 1st April 1974.

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(g) the number of blackmarketing cases or cases of violation of laws in the distribution of fertilisers detected and punished by Government;

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry) —

(a) Requirement in terms of 'N' Fertiliser		
Kh arif 1973	...	1,25,000
Rabi 1973-74	...	1,30,000
Total	...	2,55,000

Quantity allotted by the Government of India		
Kh arif 1973	...	61,250 of N.
Rabi 1973-74	...	71,000 ..
Total	...	1,31,250

(b) Prior to 16-8-1973 as non pool fertilisers were outside the purview of District Fertiliser Committees, no specific districtwise allotments as such were made by the Government. As fertiliser supply position deteriorated the Government, after careful review of the fertiliser distribution policy, brought even the non-pool, fertilisers within the purview of District Fertiliser Committees and the permit system with effect from 16-8-1973. Districtwise programmes of supply was therefore drawn up in respect of Rabi 1973-74 season. The Districtwise allotments for Rabi 1973-74 from 1-8-1973 to 31.1.1974 are indicated in Statment 'A' placed on table of the House. As these supply programmes were drawn up for an entire season, the month wise break-up were not indicated.

Basis on which this allotment was made :

1. Past consumption.
2. New area coming under irrigation.
3. Extension of area under High Yielding Varieties Programme.
4. Implementation of special crash programmes.

(c) No.

(d) No doubt, certain ad hoc allotments have been made to certain districts to meet the urgent demands. This is not on account of any political pressure.

(e) All allotments made as indicated in (d) have been made through the District allotment Committees.

The reply furnished to clause (b) of the question holds good for this question also.

(2) Statement 'B' placed on the Table of the House.

SCARCITY OF FERTILISERS IN THE STATE

536 T. M. Manjunath (Tiptur) — Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to state.—

- (a) the reasons for scarcity of fertilisers in the State;
- (b) the reasons for the Central Government to allot less quantity of fertilisers to the Karnataka than any other State;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that fertilisers are diverted to shops of private dealers by the distribution authorities of the Government if so, the action taken by the Government to prevent this;
- (d) whether it has come to their notice that in view of the scarcity of fertilisers in the State any amount of fertilisers is available with the private dealers if thrice the rates are paid;
- (e) if so the action taken to prevent this throughout the State; the number of officers and dealers against whom the action is taken?

Sri Chikkagowda (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry)

(a) There is at present over all shortage of fertilisers in the country and in the world markets due to scarcity of 'Naptha' a basic raw material required for the manufacture of fertilisers. Even domestic production has been affected to a great extent due to power cut, Labour strikes, Look outs, machinery breakdown etc. As a result of these factors, the supply position is not satisfactory.

(b) Certain criteria are adopted by the Government of India while making allotments of fertilisers to different States. It is not correct to state that the fertilisers allotment to Karnataka State is less than that to the neighbouring States taking in to consideration the criteria or the formulae adopted.

(c) No. The Government is however aware that there are malpractices in the distribution of fertilisers indulged by certain dealers. Strict vigilance is being kept over such practices and the concerned officers have been instructed to take action under the Fertiliser Control Order and the Essential Commodities Act. The list indicating the action taken under E.C.A is appended.

(d) No. The pool fertilisers received in the State are exclusively distributed through Co-operative Societies and Agro Kendras while the mono or supplies made by the domestic manufacturers are distributed